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U.S. Serial Number

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Applicant is disclosing the following co-pending applications and issued patents which it believes are related to the instant application. For each such co-pending application or related patent, Applicant has identified the specific claims which, upon information and belief, may present non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting issues with the instant application claims. Upon information and belief, Applicant believes that the co-pending applications and patents cited in the IDS do not pose statutory same-type double patenting issues under 35 U.S.C. 101 with respect to the claims of the instant application.

1) U.S. Pat. No. 6,887,270

The instant application is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 10/071,840, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,887,270 ('270 patent). Combinations of base claim 1 and dependent claims 33-38 of the '270 patent may pose non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting issues with respect to the claims of the instant application.

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2) U.S. Pat. No. 6,921,390

Combinations of base claim 1 and dependent claims 8, 9, 13, 27, and 28 may pose non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting issues with respect to the claims of the instant application.

3) U.S.S.N. 11/125,296 (US 2006/0264912)

Combinations of base claim 1 and dependent claims 13, 22, 24, 25, 30, 32, and 33 may pose non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting issues with respect to the claims of the instant application.

4) U.S.S.N. 10/377,131 (US 2003/0224033)

Combinations of base claim 9 and dependent claims 15-18, 25-27 and 29-30 may pose non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting issues with respect to claims of the instant application.

5) U.S.S.N. 10/209,476 (US 2004/0022824)

Combinations of base claim 1 and dependent claims 2-3 and base claim 11 and dependent claims 11-12 may pose non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting issues with respect to claims of the instant application.

6) U.S.S.N. 11/188,367 (US 2005/0271698)

Combinations of base claim 1 and dependent claims 8, 9, and 14 may pose non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting issues with respect to claims of the instant application.

7) U.S.S.N. 11/040,864 (US 2005/0161859)

Combination of base claim 1 and dependent claim 22 may pose non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting issues with respect to claims of the instant application.

III. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this (these) applications to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does (do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. §122.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
11/125,296 (US 2006/0264912)	May 9, 2005
10/377,131 (US 2003/0224033)	February 28, 2003
10/209,476 (US 2004/0022824)	July 31, 2002
11/188,367 (US 2005/0271698)	July 25, 2005
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